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I think the proposed Microsoft settlement fails to achieve the necessary goals of a proper remedy: halting the illegal conduct, promoting competition in this industry, and depriving Microsoft of its illegal gains.

The United States can only maintain its competitive edge in the global software industry if open and fair competition is promoted in our country, which won't occur until Microsoft is stopped from stifling its competition. I agree with the concern that if they are not dealt a very severe penalty that is stringently enforced, Microsoft will continue with its monopolistic practices. And if it does, I fear that the USA will eventually fall behind in software innovations which will lead to foreign nations taking much of the market share, similar to how Japan took much of the auto industry market in the 1970's.

Thank you for hearing my opinion, and thank you for your work on this important case.

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